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Statement by Secretary Paulson on Iran Designations

Washington, DC— Treasury released the following statement by Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr. on Iran designations announced today:

"Iran exploits its global financial ties to pursue nuclear capabilities, develop ballistic missiles and fund terrorism. Today, we are taking additional steps to combat Iran's dangerous conduct and to engage financial institutions worldwide to make the most informed decisions about those with whom they choose to do business.

"The Iranian regime's ability to pursue nuclear and ballistic missile programs in defiance of UN Security Council Resolutions depends on its access to the international commercial and financial systems. Iran also funnels hundreds of millions of dollars each year through the international financial system to terrorists. Iran's banks aid this conduct, using a range of deceptive financial practices intended to evade even the most stringent risk-management controls. In dealing with Iran, it is nearly impossible to know one's customer and be assured that one is not unwittingly facilitating the regime's reckless conduct. The recent warning by the Financial Action Task Force, the world's premier standard-setting body for countering terrorist financing and money laundering, confirms the extraordinary risks that accompany doing business with Iran.

"We have been working closely and intensely with our international partners to prevent one of the world's most dangerous regimes from developing the world's most dangerous weapons. Part of that strategy involves denying supporters of Iran's illicit conduct access to the international financial system; these actors should find no safe haven in the reputable world of finance and commerce. The UN Security Council has required member states to freeze the assets of, and prohibit persons from doing business with, a number of entities and individuals supporting Iran's nuclear or ballistic missile activities, including Iran's state-owned Bank Sepah.

"Today, we are designating Iran's Bank Melli, Bank Mellat, and Bank Saderat. These are three of Iran's largest banks, and they all have facilitated Iran's proliferation activities or its support for terrorism. We are also designating the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for proliferation activities and its Qods Force for providing material support to the Taliban and other terrorist organizations. The IRGC is so deeply entrenched in Iran's economy and commercial enterprises, it is increasingly likely that, if you are doing business with Iran, you are doing business with the IRGC. We call on responsible banks and companies around the world to terminate any business with Bank Melli, Bank Mellat, Bank Saderat, and all companies and entities of the IRGC.

"As awareness of Iran's deceptive behavior has grown, many banks around the world have decided as a matter of prudence and integrity that Iran's business is simply not worth the risk. It is plain and simple: reputable institutions do not want to be the bankers for this dangerous regime. We will continue to work with our international partners to prevent Iran from abusing the international financial system to advance its illicit conduct."


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Fact Sheet: Designation of Iranian Entities and Individuals for Proliferation Activities and Support for Terrorism

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The following entities have been named under Executive Order 13224:

ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC)-QODS FORCE (a.k.a. PASDARAN-E ENGHELAB-E ISLAMI (PASDARAN); a.k.a. SEPAH-E QODS (JERUSALEM FORCE)) [SDGT]

BANK SADERAT IRAN (a.k.a. BANK SADERAT PLC; a.k.a. IRAN EXPORT BANK), PO Box 1269, Muscat 112, Oman; PO Box 4182, Almaktoum Rd, Dubai City, United Arab Emirates; PO Box 316, Bank Saderat Bldg, Al Arooba St, Borj Ave, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; 5 Lothbury, London, EC2R 7HD, United Kingdom; Arose Building, 1st floor, Verdun - Rashid Karame St, Beirut, Lebanon; PO Box 15175/584, 6th Floor, Sadaf Bldg, 1137 Vali Asr Ave, 15119-43885, Tehran, Iran; Borj Albarajneh Branch - Alholom Bldg, Sahat Mreijeh, Kafaat St, Beirut, Lebanon; Sida Riad Elsoleh St, Martyrs Square, Saida, Lebanon; PO Box 2256, Doha, Qatar; No 181 Makhtoomgholi Ave, 2nd Floor, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan; PO Box 700, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; PO Box 16, Liwara Street, Ajman, United Arab Emirates; PO Box 1140, Al-Am Road, Al-Ein Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; PO Box 4182, Murshid Bazar Branch, Dubai City, United Arab Emirates; Sheikh Zayed Rd, Dubai City, United Arab Emirates; Khaled Bin Al Walid St, Dubai City, United Arab Emirates; PO Box 5126, Beirut, Lebanon; 16 rue de la Paix, 75002 Paris, France; PO Box 15745-631, Bank Saderat Tower, 43 Somayeh Avenue, Tehran, Iran; Postfach 160151, Friedenstr 4, Frankfurt am Main D-603111, Germany; Postfach 112227, Deichstrasse 11, 20459 Hamburg, Germany; PO Box 4308, 25-29 Venizelou St, GR 105 64 Athens, Attica, Greece; Aliktisad Bldg, 3rd floor, Ras El Ein Street, Baalbak, Baalbak, Lebanon; Alghobeiri Branch - Aljawhara Bldg, Ghobeiri Blvd, Beirut, Lebanon; all offices worldwide [SDGT]

The following individuals have been named under Executive Order 13382:

AHMADIAN, Ali Akbar (a.k.a. AHMADIYAN, Ali Akbar); DOB circa 1961; POB Kerman, Iran; citizen Iran; nationality Iran (individual) [NPWMD]

BAHMANIYAR, Bahmanyar Morteza; DOB 31 Dec 1952; POB Tehran, Iran; Passport I0005159 (Iran); alt. Passport 10005159 (Iran) (individual) [NPWMD]

DASTJERDI, Ahmad Vahid (a.k.a. VAHID, Ahmed Dastjerdi); DOB 15 Jan 1954; Diplomatic Passport A0002987 (Iran) (individual) [NPWMD]

ESMAELI, Reza-Gholi; DOB 3 Apr 1961; POB Tehran, Iran; Passport A0002302 (Iran) (individual) [NPWMD]

HEJAZI, Mohammad; DOB circa 1959; citizen Iran; nationality Iran (individual) [NPWMD]

REZAI, Morteza (a.k.a. REZAI, Morteza); DOB circa 1956; citizen Iran; nationality Iran (individual) [NPWMD]

SALIMI, Hosein (a.k.a. SALAMI, Hoseyn; a.k.a. SALAMI, Hossein; a.k.a. SALAMI, Hussayn); citizen Iran; nationality Iran; Passport D08531177 (Iran) (individual) [NPWMD]

SOLEIMANI, Qasem (a.k.a. SALIMANI, Qasem; a.k.a. SOLAIMANI, Qasem; a.k.a. SOLEMANI, Qasem; a.k.a. SOLEYMANI, Ghasem; a.k.a. SOLEYMANI, Qasem; a.k.a. SULAIMANI, Qasem; a.k.a. SULAYMAN, Qasmi; a.k.a. SULEMANI, Qasem); DOB 11 Mar 1957; POB Qom, Iran; citizen Iran; nationality Iran; Diplomatic Passport 008827 (Iran) issued 1999 (individual) [NPWMD]

The following entities have been named under Executive Order 13382:

ARIAN BANK (a.k.a. ARYAN BANK), House 2, Street Number 13, Wazir Akbar Khan, Kabul, Afghanistan [NPWMD]

BANK KARGOSHAEE (a.k.a. KARGOSA'I BANK), 587 Mohammadiye Square, Mowlavi St., Tehran 11986, Iran [NPWMD]

BANK MELLAT, 327 Taleghani Avenue, Tehran 15817, Iran; P.O. Box 11365-5964, Tehran 15817, Iran; all offices worldwide [NPWMD]

BANK MELLİ IRAN ZAO, Number 9/1, Ulitsa Mashkova, Moscow 103064, Russia [NPWMD]

BANK MELLİ, Ferdowsi Avenue, P.O. Box 11365-171, Tehran, Iran; all offices worldwide [NPWMD]

GHARARGAHE SAZANDEGI GHAEM (a.k.a. GHARARGAH GHAEM), No. 25, Valiasr St., Azadi Sq., Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

GHORB KARBALA (a.k.a. GHARARGAH KARBALA; a.k.a. GHARARGAH SAZANDEGI KARBALA-MOASSESEH TAHA), No. 2 Firouzeh Alley, Shahid Hadjipour St., Resalat Highway, Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

GHORB NOOH, P.O. Box 16765-3476, Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

HARA COMPANY (a.k.a. HARA INSTITUTE), Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (a.k.a. AGIR; a.k.a. IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS; a.k.a. IRG; a.k.a. IRGC; a.k.a. ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY CORPS; a.k.a. PASDARAN; a.k.a. PASDARAN-E ENGHELAB-E ISLAMI; a.k.a. PASDARAN-E INQILAB; a.k.a. REVOLUTIONARY GUARD; a.k.a. REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS; a.k.a. SEPAH; a.k.a. SEPAH PASDARAN; a.k.a. SEPAH-E PASDARAN-E ENQELAB-E ESLAMI; a.k.a. THE ARMY OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION; a.k.a. THE IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS), Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

KHATAM OL ANBIA GHARARGAH SAZANDEGI NOOH (a.k.a. GHORB KHATAM; a.k.a. KHATAM AL-ANBYA; a.k.a. KHATAM OL ANBIA), No. 221, Phase 4, North Falamat-Zarafshan Intersection, Shahrak-E-Ghods, Tehran 14678, Iran [NPWMD]

MELLAT BANK SB CJSC (a.k.a. "MELLAT BANK DB AOZT"), P.O. Box 24, Yerevan 0010, Armenia [NPWMD]

MELLI BANK PLC, 1 London Wall, London EC2Y 5EA, United Kingdom [NPWMD]

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR ARMED FORCES LOGISTICS (a.k.a. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SUPPORT FOR ARMED FORCES LOGISTICS; a.k.a. MODAFL; a.k.a. MODSAF), located on the west side of Dabestan Street, Abbas Abad District, Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

OMRAN SAHEL, Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

ORIENTAL OIL KISH, Second Floor, 96/98 East Atefi St., Africa Blvd., Tehran, Iran; Dubai, United Arab Emirates [NPWMD]

PERSIA INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC, #6 Lothbury, London EC2R 7HH, United Kingdom [NPWMD]

SAHEL CONSULTANT ENGINEERS, P.O. Box 16765-34, Tehran, Iran; No. 57, Eftekhar St.,

Larestan St., Motahhari Ave, Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]

SEPASAD ENGINEERING COMPANY, No. 4 Corner of Shad St., Mollasadra Ave., Vanak Square, Tehran, Iran [NPWMD]